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Tysons Coordinating Committee

Tysons Corner is the economic engine driving Fairfax County to and through the 21st Century, and the conditions established by this Comprehensive Plan update **must** continue to foster the economic vitality of our urban center. The continued commercial success of Tysons plays a major role in providing enough revenue to allow the Board to keep providing tax relief to homeowners. The residents of Fairfax County cannot afford an economic decline in Tysons Corner, and this must be foremost in our thoughts. In addition, Tysons needs a better mix of residential and commercial development in order to mitigate traffic congestion. Tysons must also remain a center for retail activity.

<u>Mission:</u> With this goal in mind, the mission of the Tysons Coordinating Committee is to update the 1994 Plan to:

- 1. Promote more mixed use;
- 2. Better facilitate transit-oriented development (TOD);
- 3. Enhance pedestrian connections throughout Tysons;
- 4. Increase the residential component of the density mix;
- 5. Improve the functionality of Tysons, and;
- 6. Provide for amenities and aesthetics in Tysons, such as public spaces, public art, parks, etc.

<u>Scope:</u> The scope of the Committee's charge is to:

- 1. Focus on transit nodes;
- 2. Folding the APR nominations into this process;
- 3. Ensure that transportation impacts are addressed;
- 4. Help define the future of Tysons

<u>Composition:</u> We want a diverse mix of stakeholders from the community, businesses, and major employers. The Committee shall build on its existing membership of 13 by:

• Adding one magisterial representative from those not yet represented, if desired - Mason, Mt. Vernon, Lee, Springfield, Braddock, and Sully. These representatives may be anyone living in each of those districts, and are to be appointed by the District Supervisors; (6)

- Inviting the Chamber of Commerce and TYTRAN each to nominate three representatives (employers, employees, small and minority business reps., etc); (6)
- Adding the Tysons neighborhoods on both sides of Rt. 123, and Westwood at Ashgrove, to each nominate one representative; (3)
- Adding one representative each from Dranesville and Hunter Mill district neighborhoods or coalitions. (2)
- The appointing of a chair by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

<u>Process:</u> The Tysons Coordinating Committee should employ informational and educational outreach methods such as:

- 1. Community charettes and focus groups, using professionals to conduct/facilitate to:
 - Share visions and ideas;
 - Move to a shared vision of what we want Tysons to be;
 - Collect community ideas, concerns, and issues;
- 2. Specific working groups as deemed necessary and useful (these working groups can add others from the community who will not serve on the Council itself);
- 3. Public outreach presentations to civic associations, community meetings, business and Chamber meetings, and those four meetings that may be authorized;
- 4. Community meetings.

<u>Timeline</u>: The Committee should complete its work in the next 15 months. The Committee, with assistance from County staff and the facilitators, should review an appropriate report and plan amendment(s) as necessary for Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consideration.